Items 4 and 5. Surveys and levels for diversion works and some length of off take channels have been taken after completing their preliminary investigation.

Item 8. The several sub-items under this item have been taken up for investigation, preparation of plan and estimates and the whole staff under the special Assistant Engineer is now at it being urgent.

(5) Improvement works for the Mulattara, Kunnamkattupathy, and Thembaramadakku systems are being carried out year after year according as funds permit. The other works will be considered by Government when sufficient funds become available for the purpose.

Widening the Panangai Lane in Kunnamkulam.

229. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when did the Government sanction widening Panangai Lane in Kunnamkulam;

(b) whether any amount for this work had been provided in the budget for 1108 submitted by the Chief Engineer;

(c) what is the reason for not providing for this item of sanctioned work in the budget for 1107;

(d) whether this work had not been sanctioned before 1106 and if so;

(e) what is the reason for not including this work in the budget for 1106;

(f) whether the Chief Engineer was not providing the amount required for this work in his annual budgets submitted after sanctioning this work and if so?

(g) how many years he has done so, and

(h) in what years he has not done so?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) In 1103.

(b) No.

(c) Lack of funds.

(d) Yes.

(e) Lack of funds.

(f) Not in all budgets.

(g) In 1107.

(h) In other years.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether the Chief Engineer recommended the opening of this road?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did he find that this road is necessary?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I should like to know under what sub-division that supplementary question is asked?

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The Hon'ble Member said that he recommended the opening of this road. The supplementary question follows from that. Did the Chief Engineer consider all the aspects of the matter when he recommended to the Government that this road should be opened?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did he find that this road is necessary?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What steps did he take for providing the amount?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—He could not provide this amount for lack of funds.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did he bring this matter to the attention of the Government?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It is before the attention of the Government. Government passed the budget.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did he include the amount in his budget?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The answer is there. Please see (f).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did the Government sanction this road?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There have been many occasions when the Government sanctioned this.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How many times the Government sanctioned this road?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—A number of times.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the necessity for again sanctioning a road which was sanctioned once?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—When the road is once sanctioned it may so happen that it could not be provided for in the Budget and in the hope that it could be provided for in the next year's budget it is again sanctioned.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did the Chief Engineer bring it to the notice of the Government that it was not possible to provide for it in the budget, though the Government wanted him to provide?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—We provided for it in many budgets and when orders were passed this might have been omitted because there might have been other more important works.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did the Chief Engineer bring this matter to the attention of the Government that it was not possible to provide it in the budget?

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Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I wish to know the particular year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In which year was it that the Government asked him to provide for it in the budget?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There have been many such orders.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know which year? Will he kindly particularise one year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—When the budget is scrutinised we see whether works sanctioned are included in the budget. No separate report from the Departmental head is necessary. That is the checking of the budget.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I wish to know whether the Chief Engineer provided this amount in the budget sent to the Government by the P. W. D.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Whether the Chief Engineer sends a separate report or not, it is immaterial. We scrutinise whether the items sanctioned are included or not.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason for not providing for this in his budget?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There will be other and more important works to be provided for. Government advises the Chief Engineer a month or two before that they have set apart a certain sum of money for his department and the Chief Engineer proposes his budget within the limit of this amount and the works are sanctioned by the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The Hon'ble Member said that he included the amount in his budget. May I know whether he brought this matter to the attention of the Government, that he was not not able to provide this in the budget prepared by him?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It is not with reference to this particular work only. Government passes similar orders in the case of many works. The allotment will be only about 16 lakhs. This is the same case with regard to many works. The Chief Engineer does not report to the Government as a rule. It is for the Government either to include it or to make a further allotment in the next year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has not the Chief Engineer submitted departmental budgets to the Government?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—When submitting the budget the Chief Engineer does send a list of works sanctioned by the Government and which he has not been able to provide in the budget for want of funds. It is for the Government to select the works.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did the Chief Engineer bring to the attention of the Government that he was not able to provide for it in so many years?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes. A list accompanies the budget every year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Is it only for a particular year or for so many years?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Every year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When the Chief Engineer submitted his budget proposals for 1108, did he include the works sanctioned in 1103, etc.?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No, for obvious reasons.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then, for how many years?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Only one year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did he report that he was not able to provide these in the budget?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—When a special list is sent the purpose is served.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did he report that, when once it was not possible to provide it in the budget, he was also not able to provide for it for so many years, though the Government has sanctioned the work for more than once?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no necessity.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it a fact that there are other lanes which are not equallyattended to in other parts of Cochin State?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There may be.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it a fact that Kunnamkulam gets more funds than any other part of the State?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I have not worked it out.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government work it out and say?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I do not think any useful purpose will be served by that.

Karuvannur irrigation scheme report of irrigation experts.

230. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House the report referred to in answer to question No. 32 of the Vrischigam session of 1108.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The member is referred to the Government Gazette of 1st Makaram 1103 (14th January 1933), in which the report has been published.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Chief Engineer sent a report along with the report of the expert?

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